Subject No. 114.

Filling up of Kumbargundi at Shimoga.

Summary of discussion.—The Kumbargundi pit in the heart of the town of Shimoga has been partly filled up. It should be entirely closed and the ground level raised and the smaller pits in various parts of the town should be filled up also. This is necessary to effectually prevent the spread of poison from these pits.

Dewan's reply.—For Deputy Commissioner's attention.

Subject No. 115.

Transfer of Hindu Balika Patasala to the Municipal School building.

Summary of discussion.—The people of Shimoga convey their best thanks to Government for taking the Hindu Balika Patasala at Shimoga under its management. The old Taluk Cutcherry building in which the English Municipal school is now located, should be made over for the Hindu Balika Patasala after the construction of the proposed school building for the Municipal School, instead of its being handed over for Dispensary purposes.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for consideration when the occasion arises.

Subject No. 116.

Transfer of the management of temples and chattram at Shimoga to the Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The management of the Chattram and Hindu Temples in the town of Shimoga, *viz.*, 1. Anjaneya, 2. Durgamba, and 3. Bhimeswara (though under the Muzarayi Department) and 4. Lakshminarayana (not under Muzarayi Department) is not satisfactory. The supervision and management of these temples should be transferred to the Municipality for some time.

Dewan's reply.—The Muzarayi Superintendent will investigate.

Subject No. 117.

Location of a Regiment of Silledars and Barr Sepoys at Shimoga.

Summary of discussion.—A Regiment of Sillédars and Barr Sepoys should be located at Shimoga as in former days. The Shimoga District is situated far from Bangalore and Mysore. Lambanis, Korachars and other low classes live in and frequent the Malnad and frontier Taluks of the District. Dacoities, robberies and thefts are frequent. The presence of a strong force at the Head-quarters of the District would have a deterrent effect. By the location of a portion of the force here, Government would not sustain any loss, but the force would be benefited by the comparative cheapness of living here. This would also add to the trade and prosperity of the town. The force formerly stationed here was withdrawn in the interests of drill and discipline. But since then the Railway has been opened from Bangalore within 40 miles of Shimoga.

Dewan's reply.—This will be done.

Subject No. 118.

Retention of the Jail at Shimoga.

Summary of discussion.—Rumour has it that the Central Jail at Shimoga would be abolished. The workshop attached to the Jail has been almost closed. Both the Jail and the workshop should be retained. By the abolition of the Jail, Government would be put to loss. By the retention of the Jail, the Municipality and the Town are much benefited. The existence of a Jail in the midst strikes fear into